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RDOT Awarded Contract for High Mast Lighting at Exits Along I-20

ROCKDALE COUNTY, Ga. – Thanks to a motion passed by the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners, and in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Exit 78 Sigman Road and Exit 84 Salem Road on Interstate 20 will have high mast lighting installed over the next year.

Brooks Berry Haynie & Associates will install the new lighting at the two gateway intersections. This work will be completed through a \$2.72 million-dollar project that was awarded on April 28th, 2020 by the Rockdale County BOC.

This project will deliver safer, brighter and more economical LED lighting in the form of eight 120-foot-tall and seventeen 130-foot-tall high mast towers at the gateway intersections into Rockdale County. These high mast lights will increase visibility and safety at both interchanges on I-20. Both gateway interchanges were recently landscaped under a separate state grant.

In addition to better safety, aesthetics and visibility for the motorists entering the gateway intersections into the county, the maintenance of the LED lights by service crews will be much safer than conventional style lighting which would require tall bucket trucks to complete the lighting replacements.

The 25 high mast poles will be topped with luminaire rings with several independent lighting fixtures mounted around them. The BOC has chosen to go with eco-efficient LED bulbs in lieu of the old style HPS (High Pressure Sodium) bulbs on this project. In a recent study by the Maine Department of Transportation, a 67% savings in electricity can be achieved in switching from conventional HPS high mast lighting to the more economical LED high mast lighting fixtures.

“Crews will use a device to mechanically lower the halos to the ground for lighting service rather than having to use a large bucket truck and work at height. The new lighting arrangement will be so much safer for the service crews and the traveling public! We are very excited to see this type of project in our county as it will make a significant improvement in the safety, visibility and overall appearance at the gateway intersections” states John Moretto, P.E., Director, Rockdale County Transportation (RDOT).

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